and engineers by demonstrating construction of a model house and retrofitting of one public building. This was undertaken in 484 earthquake affected retrofitting of one public building. This was undertaken in 484 earthquake affected villages in 16 talukas of 5 districts such as Kutch, Patan, Rajkot, Surrendranagar and Jamnagar. The village committee has been envisaged as a key stake-player in the whole programme being implemented by the NCPDP. The programme envisages preparedness on the part of the local community as the first responder for disaster preparedness and mitigation. Details of the progress made under this programme are shown as under:

Details	Model house	Retrofitting	Water tank
Complete	138	191	167
W/P	192	51	130
TOTAL:	330	242	297
%Complete/Work in progress	68.18%	50.00%	61.36%

This would show that the work is still continuing although the progress is not as expeditious as envisaged.

Fund for riot victims

2238. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether High Court of Delhi has asked Government to set up a separate fund for riot victims, as reported in the Times of India of 29th December, 2002;

(b) if so, what are the details of the directives;

(c) whether Government propose to set up a fund for persons who become maimed in Terrorist attack etc.; and

(d) by when the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Delhi High Court *vide* its Order dated 17th December, 2002 has suggested that the State and Central Government should examine and consider the feasibility of creation of a fund for providing assistance in rehabilitation of the victims of terrorist action.

(c) and (d) Since the proposal is in the initial stages of examination, it is too early to indicate the time frame by which final decision in the matter would be taken.

Multipurpose National Identity Cards

2239. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI R. P. GOENKA:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Mother of I-Cards 5000 crore Tag" published in the Indian Express dated 13th January, 2003 regarding issuance of the Multipurpose National Identity Cards (MNIC);

(b) if so, the details of the project; and

(c) the difference between the Electoral I-cards issued by the Election Commission of India and MNIC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Multipurpose National Identity Card scheme involves creation of an identification system for more than one billion citizens, streamlining the existing machinery for the registration of births and deaths at the grass root level and choices of institutional as well as technological options for creation of a integrated database of personal identities capable of being continuously updated. Given the complexities of the task at hand, it has been decided by the Government to undertake a Pilot Project on